

**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE  
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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
RFQ15-002  
OF ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION FOR INDIGENT PARENTS  
IN DEPENDENCY AND TERMINATION CASES**

The Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD) Parents Representation Program (PRP) provides state funded attorney representation and case support services to indigent parents, custodians and legal guardians involved in child dependency and termination of parental rights proceedings in 31 of the 39 Washington counties. OPD is requesting applications for the following counties:

Mason and/or Thurston Counties: One or more part-time contracts for about 50% of a full time caseload beginning in December 2015.

The contract caseload for a full time attorney is approximately 80 cases with an approximate annual compensation of \$103,774.80--\$124,529.76. Part-time attorney position compensation is pro-rated based on a percentage of a full time caseload. Compensation includes all overhead such as support staff, rent, and other costs of doing business. Compensation is dependent on experience. If interested, follow the application procedures below.

**Qualifications**

The following qualifications are required:

- Licensed member of good standing with the Washington State Bar.
- Experience representing a party in a dependency or termination case.
- History of providing excellent representation of clients.
- Able to communicate well with indigent clients; be familiar with RCW 13.34 and court rules pertaining to dependency and termination cases.

**Application Procedure**

Applications will be accepted until the position or positions are filled or until November 9, whichever is sooner. To apply, email a letter of interest identifying your qualifications and caseload preference, a resume, and three references. Letters of interest should also describe applicant's current contracts for public defense or other representation as well as existing caseload, specifying the number of your current dependency and termination cases, if any.

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Please address any questions to Yokiko Hayashi-Saguil at the above email address.

OPD reserves the right to amend this Request for Qualifications and reserves the right to refrain from contracting with any and all applicants. This Request for Qualifications does not obligate the state of Washington or OPD to contract for the services specified here.